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PRESIDENT CLINTON NAMES NED W. BANDLER, CHASKEL
BESSER, AND RACHMIEL
LIBERMAN AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE
PRESERVATION OF AMERICA'S
HERITAGE ABROAD

The President today announced his intention to reappoint Ned W. Bandler, Chaskel Besser, and Rachmiel Liberman to serve as members of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad.

Ned Bandler of Bridgewater, CT, is currently Senior Advisor-External Affairs for Unilever United States, Inc. the holding company for major Unilever operating companies in the United States. Previously, Mr. Bandler was a director and senior vice president of Unilever United States, Inc. Mr. Bandler is vice chairman and director of the African Medical and Research Foundation; chairman of the Citizen's Research Foundation; trustee, a vice chairman and executive committee member of Freedom House; a member of the Economic Club of New York; and a retired Lt. Colonel (USAR). Mr. Bandler is a graduate of Cornell University.

Rabbi Chaskel Besser of New York, NY, is currently a Presidium Member of Agudath Israel of America, Rabbi and President of Congregation B'nai Chaim in New York, Chairman for Poland and Ukraine of the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation, and President of Amf Bikur Cholim Hospital in Jerusalem. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Machon Jaacov Seminary of New York City, Chairman of World-Wide Daf Ha-Yomi Commission, an executive board member of the New York Holocaust Memorial Commission, a member of the Conference of the Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, President of Jewish Archives, and a member of the Board of the Jewish Free Burial Society of New York. Rabbi Besser graduated from Rabbinical Seminary Keter Torah in Poland and Israel.

Rabbi Rachmiel Liberman of Brookline, MA, is the Rabbi of Congregation Lubavitch Synagogue in Brookline, MA. He is the Executive Director of the Jewish Educational Center of Massachusetts, and is the Jewish Chaplain for various state agencies of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He is also President of the Rabbinical Board of New England. Rabbi Liberman is a board member of the Town of Brookline Council for Planning & Renewal, a

commissioner of the Town of Brookline Human Relations Commission, and a member of the Attorney General's Civil Rights Task Force. Rabbi Liberman received his Rabbinical ordination at The Rabbinical College of Canada and a Graduate degree in Jewish Jurisprudence from the Rabbinical Seminary of Central Yeshiva Tomchei Tmimim.

The purpose of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad is to identify and publish a list of those cemeteries, monuments, and historic buildings located abroad, which are associated with the foreign heritage of U.S. citizens from eastern and central Europe. The Commission encourages the preservation of such cemeteries, monuments, and historic buildings by gaining assurances of protection, in cooperation with the Department of State, from foreign governments.

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